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SUBJECT:GENEVA GROUP

REF: (A) GENEVA 9301

(B) HENNES/DALE TELECON

1. WE REGRET NECESSITY FOR REF (B) AND APPRECIATE MISSION'S COOPERATION.
2. AT ITS DISCRETION MISSION MAY ACCEDE TO CONSENSUS ON GG/CL DATE (THOUGH WE CONTINUE TO PREFER EARLIER MEETING, IN MARCH OR APRIL). DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION ANTICIPATED, CONTINGENT, OF COURSE, ON HOW PLANS FOR THE MEETING DEVELOP.
3. RE GG/CL AGENDA, PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MEETING SHOULD BE TO PUT THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE GG AT BOTH LOCAL AND CONSULTATION LEVELS ON THE TABLE FOR FRANK, FULL AND HOPEFULLY DEFINITIVE DISCUSSION.

4. OTHER POSSIBLE USEFUL AGENDA ITEMS MIGHT BE:

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(A) IDENTIFICATION OF ANY PRODUCTIVE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

THAT HAVE EMERGED IN SAS DURING THE PAST YEAR; (B) EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THERE IS A PURPOSE TO BE SERVED BY

DISCUSSING WAYS OF SEEKING TO CONTROL THE EVER BALLOONING SA BUDGETS (BUT THIS ITEM SHOULD BE AN AGENDA ONLY IF THERE IS A WILLINGNESS TO WRESTLY SERIOUSLY WITH THE SUBJECT); (C) ANOTHER GO-AROUND ON FULL BUDGETING; (D) AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE UN SALARY/ALLOWANCE SYSTEM; (E) THE DESIRABLE PROGRAM BUDGET FORMAT; AND (F) CONTROL OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES.

5. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT UN RESTRUCTURING COULD BE PROFITABLY DISCUSSED IN EITHER CL OR GENERAL FORUM (PROVIDING PARTICIPANTS DO THEIR HOMEWORK).

6. WE WOULD BE GLAD OF OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS U.S. LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO IN SOME DETAIL WITH GG COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WE RECALL THAT CL SHOWED NO DESIRE TO PICK UP U.S. PROPOSAL FOR QUOTE AN EXAMINATION OF THE ILO: A QUESTION OF NEW DIRECTIONS UNQUOTE A YEAR OR TWO AGO; WE HAVE SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER GG REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WITH WHICH TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT; AND IF GG/CL MEETS IN JUNE, WE RAISE A QUESTION ABOUT TIMING IN LIGHT OF ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

7. WILL ADVISE RE GG (GENERAL) WORK PROGRAM ASAP. KISSINGER

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